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SUBJECT: CSCE: APPLICABILITY TO BERLIN

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1. AT JULY 23 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU)
RAISED ISSUE OF WORDING OF AGREED SENTENCE REPORTED
PARA ONE REFTEL, IN VIEW OF FACT WE NOW KNOW THAT UK
WILL SPEAK FIRST AT HELSINKI. UK REP (CROMARTIE)
REPLIED THAT FCO PREFERRED TO STRUCTURE THE SENTENCE
SO THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE SPEAKING "ON BEHALF
OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS," NAMING THEM. US REP STATED
THAT SINCE WE HAD ALREADY AGREED ON THE WORDING OF THE
SENTENCE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT EACH GOVERNMENT SPEAK
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FOR ITSELF. BOISSIEU THEN SUGGESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING

PROCEDURE BE EMPLOYED. THE UK MAKE THE STATEMENT AS IT STANDS; THE FRENCH MAKE THE SAME STATEMENT, INSERTING ONLY THE WORDS "LIKE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT" AFTER "THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT;" THE US MAKE THE STATEMENT, INSERTING ONLY THE WORDS "LIKE THE BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS" AFTER "THE US GOVERNMENT." FRG REP (LUECKING) STATED THIS WAS AN "ELEGANT" IDEA. US REP AGREED TO REPORT IT TO WASHINGTON BUT POINTED OUT THAT DRAFTING OF THE US SPEECH WAS ALREADY IN AN ADVANCED STAGE.

2. REPS AGREED TO REPORT TO CAPITALS THE TWO BASIC ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSED: EITHER (1) ALLIES DELIVER THE SENTENCE AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED, OR (2) EACH MAKES THE STATEMENT AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED, BUT REFERS IN ADDITION TO THE ALLIES WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY SPOKEN AS OUTLINED IN PARA ONE. US REP STRESSED ONCE MORE THAT DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO GIVE FIRM COMMITMENT ON PRECISE FINAL WORDING OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

3. FRENCH REP SUGGESTED, AND OTHERS AGREED, THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR PLAN TO CONSULT IN HELSINKI AFTER GDR HAS SPOKEN AND BEFORE FRANCE SPEAKS, AND AGAIN AFTER USSR HAS SPOKEN AND BEFORE US SPEAKS.
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